

**JANUARY 2004 AGENDA**

SUBJECT	X	ACTION
		INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING
Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions		

Recommendation:

California Department of Education (CDE) staff recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) assign charter numbers to the charter schools identified on the attached list.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The SBE is responsible for assigning a number to each approved charter petition. On the advice of legal counsel, CDE staff is presenting this routine request for a charter number as a standard action item.

Since the charter school law was enacted in 1992, the SBE has assigned numbers to 609 charter schools, including nine approved by the SBE after denial by the local agencies. Of these 609 schools, approximately 475 are estimated to be operating in the 2003-2004 school year. In addition, the SBE has approved eight all-charter school districts containing a total of 15 charter schools.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

The law allows for the establishment of charter schools. A charter school typically is approved by a local school district or county office of education. The entity that approves a charter is also responsible for ongoing oversight. A charter school must comply with all the contents of its charter, but is otherwise exempt from most other laws governing school districts.

Education Code Section 47602 requires the SBE to assign a number to each charter school that has been approved by a local entity in the chronological order in which it was received. This numbering ensures that the state is within the cap on the total number of charter schools authorized to operate. As of July 1, 2003, the number of charter schools that may be authorized to operate in the state is 750. This cap may not be waived. This item will assign numbers to two more charter schools. Copies of the charter petitions are on file in the Charter School Division.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

There is no fiscal impact resulting from the assignment of numbers to recently authorized charter schools.

Attachment(s)

[Attachment 1](#): Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions (Page 1-1)

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Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions

NUMBER	CHARTER SCHOOL NAME	CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTY	AUTHORIZING ENTITY	CHARTER SCHOOL CONTACT
610	Humane Education Learning Community (HELC) Charter School	Sacramento	San Juan USD	Yale S. Wishnick 5959 Greenback Lane, #500 Citrus Heights, CA 95621 (916) 212-9297
611	Leadership Public Schools	Santa Clara	Santa Clara COE	Mark Kushner P. O. Box 29527 San Francisco, CA 94129 (415) 561-3397